

To the Residents of Faribault County,

After 18 years serving as Faribault County Sheriff, I know firsthand what this job demands and what it takes to lead the Sheriff's Office. Being Sheriff is about so much more than wearing a badge. It takes integrity, sound judgment, strong leadership, and a genuine commitment to the people you serve. That is why I am proud to endorse Investigator Chris Albers as the next Faribault County Sheriff.

In my 33 years of service, I learned that the best leaders are the ones who have grown through the ranks and understand the job from the ground up. Chris Albers is a 14-year veteran of the Faribault County Sheriff's Department who has done exactly that. He has worked his way from a dedicated deputy to an experienced investigator, gaining a firsthand understanding of the people, challenges, and day-to-day operations of our department. Chris knows our roads, he knows our towns, and most importantly, he knows our people. He also understands the unique and heavy demands that come with being Sheriff. This is not an 8-to-5 job; it requires someone who is willing to be there 24/7 for the safety of our county. With 14 years of experience serving Faribault County, Chris is prepared to step into this role and lead from day one.

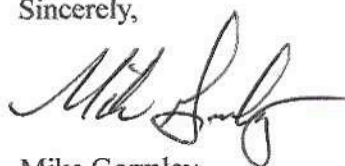
Chris possesses the essential qualities needed to lead the Faribault County Sheriff's Office: compassion, sound judgment, selflessness, and strong leadership. During my time as Sheriff, I learned that leadership is tested most when the circumstances are difficult and the decisions are not easy. I have personally witnessed Chris on some of the toughest scenes our deputies encounter, and he is not someone who stands on the sidelines when things get difficult. He steps up, gets involved, and uses his keen sense of judgment and compassion to navigate those situations and achieve the best possible outcomes. I know what this job demands, and I have seen those qualities in Chris Albers. He has also earned the respect of the men and women he works alongside, which is reflected in the endorsement of the Faribault County deputies and investigators union. He understands the importance of supporting and retaining good deputies, maintaining strong community relationships, and managing the resources entrusted to the Sheriff's Office responsibly.

Law enforcement today looks different than it did when I first started, and Chris has made it a priority to keep learning and adapting. He has taken the initiative to learn how new technology and modern investigative tools can be used to help solve difficult cases. As an investigator, he has put that knowledge to work, whether it's working with digital evidence, using modern tracking techniques, or using resources and information that weren't available to investigators years ago. He understands that while the fundamentals of good police work haven't changed, the tools we use have. His willingness to learn and adapt will be an important asset as he leads the Sheriff's Office into the future.

A sheriff needs to be approachable and connected to the community they serve. Chris Albers has lived in Faribault County his entire life and is proudly raising his family here. You've likely seen Chris coaching sports, supporting a local organization, or lending a hand wherever he's needed. And when a crisis arises, you've likely seen him roll up his sleeves, whether he's on duty or not. Chris shows up. He is involved in this community because he cares about the people who call Faribault County home. He has also built strong relationships with our local firefighters and ambulance service members, working alongside them and training together. Those relationships matter, because when a crisis happens, our community depends on teamwork. He is a true public servant who leads by example.

Faribault County deserves a Sheriff who understands this community, knows the job, and is ready to lead. Chris Albers has spent 14 years serving this county, and I have seen firsthand the kind of person and law enforcement officer he is. He is the right person for the job for all the right reasons. I trust Chris to lead this department, support the men and women who serve alongside him, and always put the people of Faribault County first. I ask you to join me, our local law enforcement union, and neighbors across the county in voting for Chris Albers on November 3rd.

Sincerely,



Mike Gormley
Retired Sheriff of Faribault County
18 Years as Sheriff | 33 Years of Service